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First Day Enrollment Shows Gain of 230 in Seven Schools

First Day School Enrollments Compared

SCHOOL	Monday	1936	1935
Torrance High	751	671	692
Torrance Elementary	729	625	707
Fern Avenue	307	288	280
Walteria	134	142	133
Torrance Total	1,921	1,726	1,812

SCHOOLS IN LOMITA TERRITORY

Narbonne High	996	949	887
Lomita Elementary	423	420	414
Orange Street	340	355	333
Lomita Total	1,759	1,724	1,634
DISTRICT TOTAL	3,680	3,450	3,446

Swarming into classrooms in record numbers, boys and girls from four years and nine months of age up to and including the lofty high school seniors, poured thru school building doors bright and early Monday morning to begin the 1937-38 term. The first day registration broke all records here and in Lomita.

Schools in the two communities enrolled 3,680 as compared to 3,450 last fall and 3,446 in 1935.

With but few exceptions, the youngsters' faces shone with anticipation of another year of books, extra-curricular activities and the round of the student business that will continue until June 24, 1938. Within two days most of the classes were organized and studies were underway.

Both Principals Thomas Elson of this city's school and Miss Clementina de Forest Griffin of Lomita's Narbonne high agreed that they got their programs under way faster this week than any other opening week in their careers.

New Building in Use
The elementary school principals, Alex Verhusen of Torrance, Mrs. Oda Vans, Fern Avenue, Arthur E. Paine of Walteria, Miss Harriet Michaels of Lomita and Miss Hilda Jellison of Orange street, reported that their grades began regular classroom projects not later than Tuesday afternoon and that today all activities were swinging along according to schedule.

Pupils attending the Lomita Elementary school were properly awed by the splendor of their new building the first two days but now are trooping in and out of its spic-and-span classrooms with the familiarity of "old residents." The new high school gymnasium building here was put into active service at once and while Coaches Roy Cochran and Bert Nicorilli's offices was considerably cluttered up with football gear, the boys were using the structure's facilities with youthful matter-of-factness.

Principal Elson announced two new subjects for this term at the high school. One will be corrective physical education for both boys and girls who need such development and the other will be open to members of the senior class only. This will be known as the Senior Basic course and will have four divisions to start. Others may be added according to the need.

Adult Life Preparation
"We have long desired to give our young people who soon must either enter the business, industrial or higher education field a course of study that will fit them to meet adult problems," he said. "I believe we have started on the right path now with our Basic course. This will include family relations, wherein we shall attempt to fit the student to his home problems of budget, economics, use of leisure time and division of responsibilities.

"Another unit will take up the subject of occupational orientation. While that has a rather formidable sound, it simply means the course is designed to help students to 'find' themselves in the community. It will consider the matter of jobs and specialized training, the relationship of the various crafts or guilds, such as busi-

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THREE-MAN COUNCIL HAS BRIEF MEET

With Councilman Tom McGuire serving as mayor-pro-tem (Mayor William Tolson and Councilman James Hitchcock being absent, attending a convention at San Jose) the city council ran thru the municipal business of the past two weeks in short order Tuesday night. Among the matters considered were:

GRANT PERMIT TO BLAST BANK (SAND)

M. R. Overholt received permission to use dynamite to crack up a sandbank at the city dump after Councilman Robert Deininger had emphasized the blasting was to be directed at soil—not a monetary depository.

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR OKAY HELD UP

A communication from the Chamber of Commerce stating that L. J. Gilmeister, secretary, was the choice of the directors for the position of publicity director for the city, was read. It was filed to await full council action when the latter pointed out that all expenses connected with this position are to be paid by the city. McGuire wanted to know "when is he going to be active as publicity director?" and City Clerk A. H. Bartlett said that Gilmeister would only serve in that capacity on order of the council.

STATE BLOCKS LIGHT FOR WALTERIA STREET

A card, written by E. Kinze, chief accountant at the Hydril plant according to a letter of introduction from the Chamber of Commerce, stated that he was a frequent visitor to Walteria and the overhead street light "promised for eight months" at the intersection of Newton street and Highway 101 was still missing. Kinze stated that "all Walteria is patiently waiting for it" and urged the council to "give Walteria a break."

City Engineer Frank R. Leonard reported that the state highway commission does not permit overhead lights on state roads and he quoted other instances where such improvements have been blocked. He will explain fully to Kinze in a letter this week.

CLAIM TRAILER LAW CONTAINS ERROR

Mrs. B. Suttle, who desired clarification of the city's new ordinance regulating trailer camps, said that the only interpretation of that measure she has been able to arrive at is that it forbids even property owners from keeping trailers on their property. This was unjust, she declared, and Councilman George V. Powell said that

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Three-Day Culinary Course Announced

Bringing to the women of Torrance the latest and most economical methods of gas cooking, The Herald will present, in cooperation with Southern California Gas Company, a three-day all-free Cooking School, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1, at the Civic Auditorium.

DIRECTOR



MRS. JESSIE EWING returns after year

Instruction will be given by Mrs. Jessie B. Ewing, noted home economist whom many housewives will remember as the director of The Herald's gas Cooking School a year ago. Mrs. Ewing, trained in the culinary arts, will present much useful information and hints and shortcuts to easier cooking days this fall and winter.

Prizes to Be Given Away

The Cooking School will begin each day at 1:30 and end at 3:30 in the afternoon. "Average home" menus will be featured and the economist will also demonstrate a number of new ideas in connection with home management.

Arrangements are being made by The Herald and the Southern California Gas Company for the display of a number of types of labor-saving household equipment and many valuable prizes are to be awarded during the three-day session in the Civic Auditorium. Full details about these two features of the Cooking School will be printed in future editions of this newspaper.

Kiwanians Seek Division Honor

Determined to win the election of L. J. Gilmeister, past president of the service club and secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, as lieutenant-governor of the Kiwanis division embracing this city, Los Angeles, Inglewood, East Los Angeles, Redondo Beach, El Segundo and other communities, members of the Torrance Kiwanis club will go in a body tonight to attend the division meeting at the Clark hotel in Los Angeles.

Gilmeister's candidacy will be promoted to break the dead-lock that now exists between candidates from the Los Angeles and East Los Angeles clubs. Last week the tie vote developed in the annual election of division officers and the present lieutenant-governor, who had the right to cast the deciding vote, refused to do so. Consequently, the decision on the division leadership was held up until the regular division meeting tonight.

British Trade Soars

LONDON (U.P.)—Great Britain's total world trade during July was \$130,000,000, greater than in July, 1936.

N. TORRANCE WATER LINK DATA GIVEN

After City Engineer Frank R. Leonard finished reading some final information pertaining to the proposed formation of a water district to serve a portion of North Torrance adjacent to Arlington avenue between 182nd and 166th streets Tuesday night at city council meeting, it was up to the 30 property owners in that district to decide if they wanted to proceed with the \$8,244.88 project.

They must decide if a majority believes it feasible to create the district, which would be known as Torrance Municipal Water District No. 2, and if 10-year bonds to cover the cost of installing the proposed lines can be sold.

North Torrance residents who were in the audience at the council session indicated that they would take Leonard's report back to their district and consider it. Then they may interview men who might invest \$8,000 in the district and obtain their agreement to purchase the bonds. If this consent is forthcoming—and it must be definitely shown that the bonds would find a sale—then the city will call a "protest meeting" when the actual decision on the project will be made.

Early Decision Due

Leonard's report included a plan showing the location of the proposed cast-iron water mains to serve the district, boundary lines of various assessment districts already bonded within the proposed water district, a report of the present bonded indebtedness of these districts, the cost estimate of installing the lines and a list of property owners within the district.

The total cost, he said would include \$7,726.73 for material—eight-inch pipe and necessary fittings, and labor; materials and labor for a four-inch line, \$308.81, and a two-inch line, \$119.51.

His report showed that the district is in good condition financially, judging from existing bonded indebtedness (12.62 percent of the estimated land value) to support the project. The engineer's statements were closely followed by the six or seven North Torrance residents attending Tuesday's meeting and they indicated that an early decision on the matter of selling the bonds and holding the "protest meeting" would be given the council.

Launched nearly a year ago, the water project has occupied the time and attention of city councilmen for many meetings and a number of conferences with property owners in North Torrance who desire to obtain

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Dr. George P. Shidler's Sudden Passing Cuts Short Fine Career

A city's tribute to one of its finest citizens was expressed here this week as flags on public buildings flew at half-mast and the community joined a devoted family of a wife and four adult sons in sympathy. The tribute paid the late Dr. George P. Shidler, who succumbed suddenly

Mourned by City



DR. GEORGE P. SHIDLER his work will live

LIFE-LONG ASSOCIATE IN TRIBUTE

"Dr. George Shidler's passing leaves my mind so dazed I cannot think clearly and express myself as I would wish," Dr. J. S. Lancaster said Monday with a break in his voice.

"In a way we have been associated for more than 40 years—in elementary and high school, in the same medical school and lived together in the same fraternity house.

"Our association together in the same office in Torrance for about 14 years culminates a friendship lasting thruout a generation," he recalled.

"Boy or man, I never knew George Shidler to be other than a charming and honorable fellow... with a brilliant and scintillating mind, the heart of a poet and a passion for improving the world, he had the aspirations and attributes of a great man," Dr. Lancaster said in heart-felt tribute.

"His passing leaves a real void, but his work will live after him."

BOY SHOCKED, HURT IN FALL

Richard Young, 13, will do his future climbing on land and not in the vicinity of high-voltage power lines. The boy narrowly escaped death or serious injury yesterday afternoon when he came in contact with the power line on top of a crane at the United Concrete Pipe company off East Road.

City firemen manning the ladder truck rushed to his rescue and just as they got there, the boy fell from a height of about 30 feet. His younger brother's yells attracted workmen who called the fire department, and he stood under the crane track and attempted to catch Richard. He was not successful but he did break the boy's fall, otherwise Richard would have landed on some sharp-edged bins.

Firemen rushed both boys to Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital where the younger boy was found unharmed save for a bruise on his stomach where Richard hit him. Richard, suffering from electric burns on one hand and his toes, was confined at the hospital over night and was taken home today. He lives with his mother, Mrs. Earl Rose and step-father at 1509 208th street.

First "Dividend Dough" Auction Proves Hit!

Everyone Has Fun Bidding Shekels for Fine Gifts

A Nesco electric cooker, valued at \$22.50, the first of the four major awards furnished by the sponsoring Torrance Retail Merchants' association, was "sold" to O. W. Johnson, of 2004 Carson street. He also out-bid others in the crowd for the silk and wool sweater given by the Adams Dress shop.

Purchases of home-furnishings, which ran into hundreds of dollars, gave Major Prize Bidder Johnson his "wealth" in Share Shekels. These purchases included several high-priced appliances bought at Sam Levy's department store, it was learned.

Other "purchases" made during the spirited auction bidding were: Basket of groceries from Richard Colburn to Lester Dunmyer, 1004 Cota; bridge lamp from the Star Department store to Harry H. Guy, 634 Sartori; electric heat treatment lamp from the Torrance Electric shop to A. G. Rios, 2236 203rd street, who also was the successful bidder for one of the newest

Another Auction Saturday!

Nearly 50 valuable gifts will be "sold" for Dividend Dough at the second public auction to be held in front of the Torrance theatre on Sartori off Marcelina Saturday night, Sept. 18, starting promptly at 7 o'clock. Last Saturday's auction was a fun-fest for hundreds. Save your Share Shekels and bid them Saturday night! The major gifts will be two Mix-masters, costing \$20.50 each. Your Dough will "buy" them and other fine awards given by Torrance Merchants cooperating in the Dividend Dough Days special sales event!

type Agfa cameras from Haig and Haig.

Knocked Down for 'Dough'

Towel, wash cloth and toilet soap set from J. J. Newberry Company to C. S. Johnson, 2004 Carson street; five gallons of motor oil from Harvel's Service station, a beautiful potted fern from Harriet Leech, Flowers, and a case of lime rickey from the Roberts' Liquor Store by John Dicky, 1417 Cota; basket of groceries from Associated Grocers (Doan's) by M. D. Johnston, 1012 Portola, and a beautiful Coty's toilet set from Dolley Drug company by Walter

Successful Bidders Last Saturday Night Listed

Thousands of Share-Shekels changed hands, Auctioneer Ray Brooks shouted himself hoarse, nearly 50 valuable gifts were "sold" and everyone attending the first of a series of three Dividend Dough auctions last Saturday night had a grand time. Once the crowd, which was estimated at more than 300 people, "caught on" to the method of bidding in Share Shekels, offers came fast and furious and "sales" developed spirited contests.

The unique event, which will be repeated this coming Saturday night at 7 o'clock in front of the Torrance theatre, took the fancy of everyone clustered about the new Ford truck, which Ford Dealers Schultz and Peckham allowed the Torrance Retail Merchants' association to use for the occasion.

Alden W. Smith, president of the sponsoring association, served as "cashier." He was kept busy counting the vari-colored

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last Sunday afternoon as result of a heart ailment, was a spontaneous gesture of heart-felt recognition of his sterling character and many achievements.

Dr. Shidler was more than a physician. He was a confidante, advisor and haven of refuge for many. His work here went beyond the ordinary bounds of medicine and surgery to aid and assist in public as well as personal welfare.

His passing was mourned as a direct loss by many and the funeral service, conducted yesterday afternoon at St. Andrew's Episcopal church, drew mourning friends from every walk of life.

So many floral offerings were received at the church that it was impossible to place them all inside and so a great bank of lovely blooms was arranged on the lawn in front. Friends of the beloved physician and the family from many places in California and his old home state of Nebraska joined local residents in tendering these symbols of loyalty and esteem.

The pallbearers were past presidents of the Rotary club and the incumbent, Grover C. Whyte. They were Dr. J. S. Lancaster, J. Wallace Post, Dr. R. A. Bingham, Donald Findley and Charles V. Jones.

Attended Son's Wedding
The physician, who had made his home here since 1924 after a brilliant career in Nebraska, did more than treat physical ailments. He devoted a great part of his life toward directing boys and young men thru adolescence toward an abundant adult life.

He counseled older folk on the attainment of happiness thru the simpler joys of living rather than by excitement of stimulated existence. He entered into public life—not as a means for personal advancement but solely to bring to Torrance a realization of a better community.

Dr. Shidler's death was preceded only a few hours by the marriage of his youngest son, James, to Miss Julia York of Whittier. He attended the nuptials in that city with Mrs. Shidler and returned home here Saturday night. After lunch Sunday he collapsed. His associate for nearly 14 years here, Dr. J. S. Lancaster was summoned and responded at once but the beloved doctor was beyond aid of the medical lore he used so effectively for 31 years.

Formed Honorary Society
The heart ailment which caused him to give up active practice for several months recently had returned to claim his life. Shortly afterward his sons and daughter, who are an internist at Stanford University hospital in San Francisco, and George, 27, who is connected with an insurance company in Bakersfield, joined their mother. Son James, 20, and his bride, who were honeymooning at Laguna were located and returned home and John Shidler, 26, who is in Huntsville, Texas, attending the Sam Houston Teachers' college where he is working on his M. A. degree, was notified and came here for the last rites. A sister, Mrs. Bortha Edwards of South Pasadena also survives.

Dr. George Porter Shidler was born in York, Nebraska, Feb. 3, 1882. He graduated from the University of Nebraska with the class of 1902 after he had organized and was a charter member of the Society of Innocents, a senior honorary fraternity still in existence and now one of the traditions of that splendid institution. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon (social) and Phi Rho Sigma (medical) fraternities. Recently Dr. Shidler was elected Province Archon for

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